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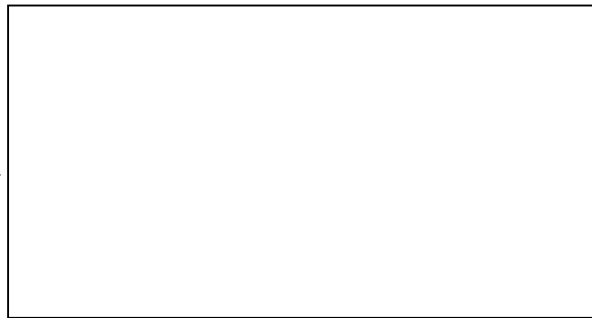


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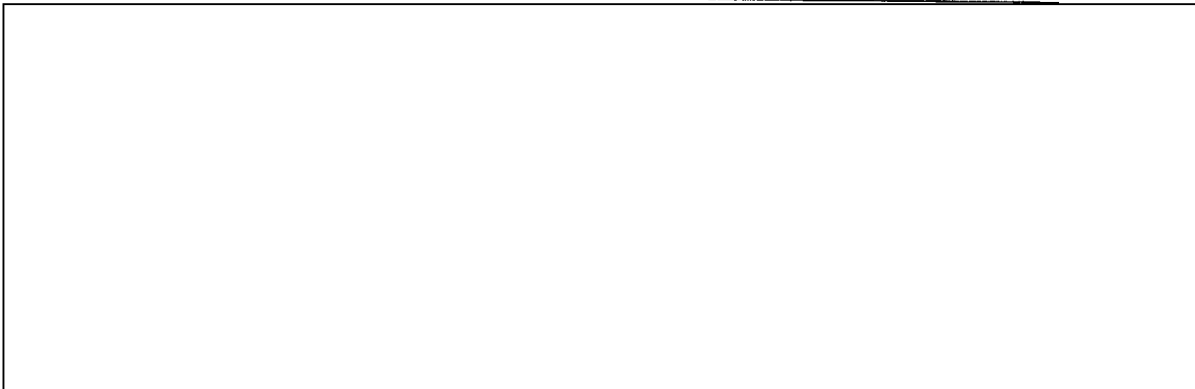
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#### KAZAKHSTAN: Floating a Deal for NPT Ratification

[redacted] Kazakhstan wants a share of any profits generated by uranium sales from dismantled Soviet warheads, apparently a new addition to a package of concessions Alma-Ata is seeking in exchange for its accession to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Earlier, Nazarbayev had told a US Congressional delegation that Kazakhstan would accede to the NPT if the US provided security guarantees and if it received a share of US aid that is available for dismantlement. Kazakhstan subsequently decided to delay negotiations on US aid and instead opted to link them to discussions of security assurances with the new US administration. [redacted]

**Comment:** Although Nazarbayev has the political strength to push accession to the NPT through the legislature, he may wait until he has obtained the most favorable economic and security concessions. His preconditions for accession probably are meant to buy time while he seeks a better deal rather than a threat to withdraw from the START/NPT framework agreed to last May. [redacted]

[redacted] Nazarbayev also wants to limit his political vulnerability on this issue. Kazakh nationalists have already criticized his decision to accept START and the NPT, and the Ukrainians have stiffened their terms for START ratification. [redacted]

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